

REMARKS

Claims 10-15 and 17-19 are currently pending. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claims 10, 15, and 17 have been amended. Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 10-14 are allowed and claims 16 and 17 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the limitations of claim 16. In addition, claim 17 has been amended to depend from claim 15, rather than cancelled claim 16.

The Examiner objected to Figs. 5, 7, 9, and 11 for including cross-sectional views of the resilient members that are not depicted by heavy diagonal lines. Applicants have submitted new formal drawings including amended Figs. 5, 7, 9, and 11 that include the heavy diagonal lines as requested. However, Applicants note that the depiction of the resilient members with heavy diagonal section lines should not be interpreted as limiting the material that can be used to manufacture the resilient members.

The Examiner objected to claim 10 for an informal matter. Applicants have amended claim 10 to correct the typographical error. As such, claim 10 and claims 11-14 that depend therefrom are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 15 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 6,547,207).

Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the limitations of claim 16, which the Examiner indicated was allowable. As such, claim 15 is allowable. In addition, claims 17-19 depend from claim 15 and are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-15 and 17-19 are allowable.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached drawing sheets (three (3) total) include formal drawings for Figs. 5, 7, 9, and 11. The sheets, which include Figs. 5, 7, 9, and 11, replace the original sheets that included Figs. 5, 7, 9, and 11.